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Nanuet: What's next for Grace Baptist Church? 5 things to know

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Grace Baptist Church in Nanuet, photographed on Thursday, November 16, 2017. (Photo: John Meore/The Journal News)

NANUET — Now that Clarkstown has closed on its \$4.55 million purchase of Grace Baptist Church, what are the next steps in determining the historic property's future?

Here's what's next for the three-acre church property on the hill on Demarest Avenue.

1. Clarkstown is forming a **Visioning Committee** to formulate ideas and seek public input. Councilman Don Franchino, whose district includes Nanuet, will spearhead a committee that will include town Supervisor George Hoehmann, and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Association, Nanuet school district and residents. To apply for a spot on the committee, email g.hoehmann@clarkstown.org or call 845-639-2050. The committee will be formed within the next week, with meetings commencing by the end of February.

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During a press conference on Oct.3, 2019, Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann announced Clarkstown's acquisition of Grace Baptist Church. (Photo: Carucha L. Meuse/The Journal News)

2. In the short term, the town is seeking to **attract film production** companies to the 150-year-old church property, which includes two fellowship halls, a pair of sanctuaries, offices and a school.
3. Clarkstown officials will be touring the property in the upcoming days, and the town's **engineer will be compiling reports on inspections** by Clarkstown and the prior owner. Although the town has completed a mandatory environmental study, any repurposing of the property that requires a zone change would require the town's normal approvals process.
4. Among the **potential uses for the property** that have been discussed: senior citizen housing or another type of housing, possibly in connection with the nearby Transit Oriented Development zone near the NJ Transit train station; a performing arts space; or a community center. The town continues to **receive unsolicited offers** from potential buyers.

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Rabbi Aaron Fink, Dean of Ateres Bais Yaacov Academy in New Hempstead March 18, 2019. (Photo: Peter Carr/The Journal News)

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